

REMARKS

In the Official Action of May 14, 2008, Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Ellis (WO 01/98575) in view of Irwin (US 5,612,113) and Higgins (US 2002/0142126), and claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Ellis in view of Irwin for reasons set forth in the Office Action.

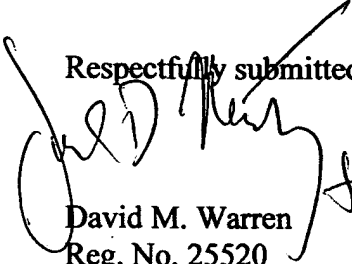
Claims 12 and 13 were said to have allowable subject matter, and claims 18-22 have been allowed.

With respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, the common allowable subject matter in claims 12 and 13 has been inserted into claim 1, so as to obtain allowance of claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom. Claims 12 and 13 are canceled in view of the inclusion of their subject matter in claim 1. Claim 16 is also canceled since its subject matter (foam or padding) differs from the apertured film of amended claim 1.

The foregoing amendment is believed to meet all the points raised by the Examiner so as to place the claims in condition for allowance. If any of the matters raised in the Action or any further matters have not been adequately resolved by this amendment, a telephone interview between Applicant's representative and the Examiner is requested in order to resolve any such outstanding matters.

It is believed that all the claims are now in condition for allowance in that they patently distinguish over the art. Accordingly, a favorable response indicating such condition is earnestly solicited.

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